

Senate File 2192 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to excessively dark or reflective window tint,
2 and making penalties applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.438, subsection 2, Code 2018, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. A person shall not operate on the highway a motor
4 vehicle equipped with a front windshield, a side window to the
5 immediate right or left of the driver, or a ~~side-wing~~ sidewing
6 forward of and to the left or right of the driver which is
7 excessively dark or reflective so that it is difficult for a
8 person outside the motor vehicle to see into the motor vehicle
9 through the windshield, window, or sidewing.

10 b. A person shall not sell a motor vehicle equipped with
11 a front windshield, a side window to the immediate right or
12 left of the driver, or a sidewing forward of and to the left or
13 right of the driver which is excessively dark or reflective so
14 that it is difficult for a person outside the motor vehicle to
15 see into the motor vehicle through the windshield, window, or
16 sidewing.

17 c. A person shall not install in a motor vehicle a front
18 windshield, a side window to the immediate right or left of the
19 driver, or a sidewing forward of and to the left or right of the
20 driver which is excessively dark or reflective so that it is
21 difficult for a person outside the motor vehicle to see into
22 the motor vehicle through the windshield, window, or sidewing.

23 d. The department shall adopt rules establishing a minimum
24 measurable standard of transparency which shall apply to
25 violations of [this subsection](#).

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 Under current law, a person is prohibited from operating on
30 the highway a motor vehicle equipped with a front windshield,
31 a side window to the immediate right or left of the driver, or
32 a sidewing forward of and to the left or right of the driver
33 which is excessively dark or reflective so that it is difficult
34 for a person outside the vehicle to see into the vehicle
35 through the windshield, window, or sidewing. Under rules

1 adopted by the department of transportation, "excessively dark
2 or reflective" means that the windshield, front side window, or
3 front sidewing does not meet a minimum standard of transparency
4 of 70 percent light transmittance.

5 This bill prohibits a person from selling a motor vehicle
6 equipped with a front windshield, a side window to the
7 immediate right or left of the driver, or a sidewing forward
8 of and to the left or right of the driver which is excessively
9 dark or reflective. The bill also prohibits a person from
10 installing in a motor vehicle a front windshield, a side
11 window to the immediate right or left of the driver, or a
12 sidewing forward of and to the left or right of the driver
13 which is excessively dark or reflective. By operation of law,
14 a violation of these provisions is punishable by a scheduled
15 fine of \$50.